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May 16, 2007

Mr. Henry L. Gardner, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Gardner:

RE: State Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is seeking your input for the new Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program approved as part of Proposition IC in November 2006. The Department is in the process of designing program guidelines to implement the statutory provisions for the program. The statutory provisions are described on the enclosed summary sheet.

The TOD Program will provide local assistance to cities, counties, transit agencies and developers for the development and facilitation of higher density housing options located within close proximity of transit stations to increase public transit ridership and minimize auto use. The Department will make housing loans and award infrastructure grants for qualifying projects on a competitive basis statewide. Projects located in an area designated by the appropriate council of governments for infill development as part of a regional plan are to qualify for bonus points in the competitive ranking of applications. The statute requires project sites to be located within one quarter mile of a transit station. A transit station is as defined in Government Code Section 65460.1(b): a rail or light-rail station, ferry terminal, bus transfer station, or bus hub. "Bus hub" means an intersection of three or more bus routes, with minimum route headway of ten minutes during peak hours. "Peak hours" are 7 a.m.–10 a.m., and 3 p.m.–7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please forward the most appropriate information that you have as requested on the attached survey by **June 15, 2007**. Electronic copies of the survey form can be found at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/tod/> COG Survey. If you have any questions about the TOD Program or the survey, please contact Craig Morrow at (916) 323-3175. Please return the survey by mail or email to cahouse@hcd.ca.gov, Attention: Craig Morrow, or fax to him at (916) 327-2643. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda M. Wheaton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Linda M. Wheaton
Assistant Deputy Director

Enclosures

cc: Rusty Selix, CALCOG